



OHIO HISTORIC INVENTORY

RPR Number:

Form with fields for 1. No. LOR-02082-21, 4. Present Name(s) Harley House, 2. County Lorain, 5. Historic or Other Name(s) Spaulding-Harley House, 6. Specific Address or Location 237 North Pleasant, 19a. Design Sources, 35. Plan Shape Rectangular, 20. Contractor or Builder, 36. Changes associated with 17/17b Dates: 17. Original/Most significant construct, 6a. Lot, Section or VMD Number 900076103013, 21. Building Type or Plan Gabled Ell, 17b. Some alteration, 7. City or Village Oberlin, 22. Original Use, if apparent Single Dwelling, 37. Window Type(s) 1 over 1, 9. U.T.M. Reference Oberlin, 23. Present Use Single Dwelling, 38. Building Dimensions 34' x 49', 10. Classification: Building, 24. Ownership Private, 39. Endangered? NO, 11. On National Register? NO, 25. Owner's Name & Address, if known Doren Harley, 237 N. Pleasant St., Oberlin, OH, 44074, 40. Chimney Placement No chimney observed, 13. Part of Established Hist. Dist? NO, 26. Property Acreage unknown, 41. Distance from & Frontage on Road 30', 15. Other Designation (NR or Local), 27. Other Surveys, 28. No. of Stories Two story, 51. Condition of Property: Good/Fair, 16. Thematic Associations: Architectural Materials, 29. Basement? Yes, 52. Historic Outbuildings & Dependencies Structure Type Garage, World War II, 30. Foundation Material Stone bearing, 17. Date(s) or Period ca. 1890, 17b. Alteration Date(s) Unknown, 31. Wall Construction Balloon/western/platform frame, 18. Style Class and Design No academic style - Vernacular, 32. Roof Type Cross gable, Date Historic, Element Eastlake, Roof Material Asphalt shingle, 18a. Style of Addition or Elements(s), 33. No. of Bays 2 Side Bays 3, Associated Activity, 19. Architect or Engineer, 34. Exterior Wall Material(s) Stucco, Clapboard or weatherboard, 53. Affiliated Inventory Numbers Historic (OHI), Archaeological (OAI)

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Harley House 4. Present or Historic Name(s)

42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Continued on Reverse if Necessary) This vernacular gabled ell house is clad in stucco, which covers up much of the original clapboard exterior. Some historic elements remain, such as the decorative bargeboards at each elevation. These boards give a slight Eastlake flavor, in the curving bottoms and the circle patterns cut out of the lower portion of the board, in addition to the leaf-like pattern cut out near the apex of the gables. At the front/west facade the porch is located at the far right corner, adjoining the ell and the main block. The single porch support, though not original (it is part of the current restoration), has an incised groove cut through the vertical height of the beam. The wood door, set within the ell of the facade has three tall, vertical panels recessed within the door. The door is flanked by sidelights that have leaded glass patterns, which are somewhat 'Wrightian' and were added circa 2000 by the current owner. The corner porch has a hip roof. The gabled portion of the facade has two 1/1 double hung windows at the first story and a narrower pair of 1/1 double hung windows at the second story. Within the ell, at the north side, both the first and second stories have a continued...

237 North Pleasant 6. Specific Address or Location

43. History and Significance (Continue on Reverse if necessary) The earliest known occupants of this house were the Spaulding family in 1890. Ellsworth W. Spaulding (b. 1862, OH) was married in 1883 to Agnes L. (nee Johnson; b. 1862, OH; d. 1913, Oberlin). They had several children: Bessie Claire (b. 1884, OH; d. 1846, Oberlin), Earl Ellsworth (b. 1886, OH; d. 1923, OH), Carl W. (b. 1889), and Bruce J. (b. 1895, OH; d. 1967, Oberlin). Ellsworth worked as a plasterer, mason, brick layer, and mason contractor. As the children grew older, Earl was listed as a salesman at a drugstore and a plasterer (in 1910) and Carl was both a deliveryman and the salesman at a grocery store. Ellsworth is listed as the head of house through 1910. In 1916 the only Spauldings listed here were Earl E. and his wife, Elsie M. (b. 1889). Earl and Elsie were married that same continued...

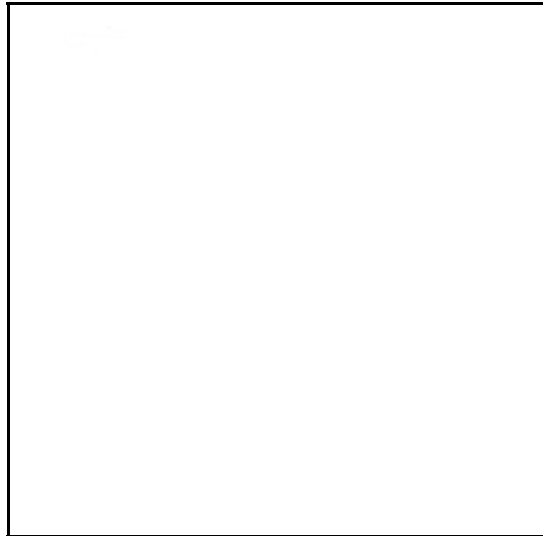
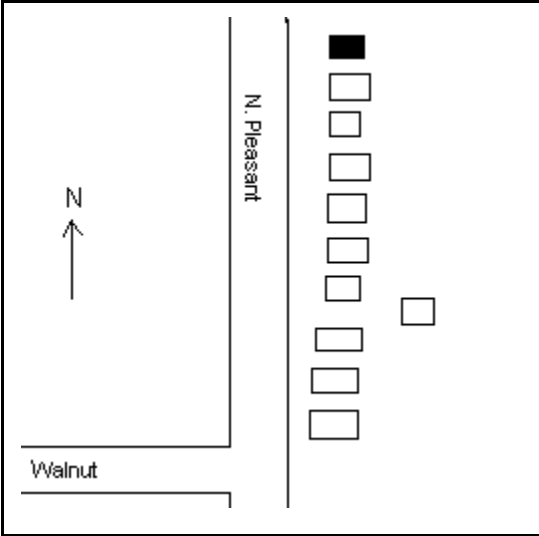
44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (See #52) This house includes a detached historic garage, which has a hipped roof as well as a hipped dormer at the center of the roof. The dormer has two windows. The garage has a car door at the left and a pedestrian door at the right. A large, gabled garage has been added to the rear of the historic garage. This house is located on a primarily residential street and is across the street from the Boys and Girls Club of Lorain County.

45. Sources of Information Oberlin Heritage Center Resource Center, City Directories, Oberlin Phone Book and Past Perfect collections program; Lorain County Court House, Auditor Property Record, Internet, http://www.loraincounty.com/auditorindex.shtml, accessed 2009; 'Agnes L. Spaulding,' obituary, Oberlin News, 12/24/1913, Pg. 1 Col. 7; 'Earl Spaulding Died in Elyria,' Oberlin News, 3/15/1923, Pg. 1 Col. 5; 'Herschel W. Barone Married Ruth Dufty,' Oberlin News, 7/21/1927, Pg. 1 Col. 3; 'News Correction: Herschel W. continued...

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8. Site Plan with North Arrow

54. Farmstead Plan :



Door Selection:
Altered

Door Position:
Flush

Orientation:
Gable end axis

Symmetry:
Bilateral asymmetry

Report Associated With Project:

NADB #:



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42. Further Description of Important Interior and Exterior Features (Con't)

1/1 double hung window, though the window in the second story is smaller. The north elevation includes a gabled portion left of center, and has a 1/1 double hung window at the first story, as well as another at the left of the second story. A window at the right of the second story has been covered with stucco. To the right of the gabled section, a 1/1 double hung window is at the first and second stories. Left of the gabled section, a two-story addition at the rear has a 1/1 double hung window at the first and second stories, as well as a wood clapboard exterior. A one-story addition at the far end of the rear has an east-facing gable and three transom-style windows facing north. This portion of the exterior is covered in restored clapboard. At the south elevation, within the porch, the first story contains a 1/1 double hung window. Projecting out from the first story, to the right of the porch, four small windows are square. The gabled portion has four small, rectangular, one-light casement windows at the first story (not original to house) and two 1/1 double hung windows at the second story. This house was intended to be identical to its neighbor, 229 North Pleasant Street (according to the current owner of this property). It has since evolved into a distinct building. The current owner reported that an extensive fire resulted in a change to the rear of the house and removal of a side window at the south elevation. The owners intend to eventually remove the stucco exterior and replace it with new wood clapboard similar to the original clapboard found under the stucco. This house is also similar in appearance to 53 North Pleasant in Oberlin.

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year and lived here briefly before moving to Elyria (around 1917). Earl was the president of the company he ran with his father and brother, Carl, the Spaulding Coal and Supply Company. By 1920, the residents listed were Herschel W. Baron (b. 1900, OH; d. 1976), an assistant cashier at Oberlin Bank, and the Stone family. Walter E. Stone (b. 1889, IN) was married to Freda (b. 1898, OH) and they had one son, Thomas (b. 1919, OH). Walter was an operator at Western Union Telegraph. By 1927 the Harley family took up residency in this house. Floyd Harley (b. 1895, OH; d. 1962) was married in 1917 to Marion Elsie (nee Kelley; b. 1896, OH; d. 1986, NM). Floyd worked at the post office as a mail carrier and clerk and later worked as a pattern maker for Electro Alloys and as a cabinetmaker. The Harleys had several children: twins Donald Edwin (b. 1920) and Doren 'Jack' (b. 1920, Oberlin; d. 2004, Oberlin), Dorothy Jane (1922, OH), Doris (b. 1926, OH; d. 1986), Deanna, and Dean. During WWII, Floyd and Donald served in the military; Donald was stationed in the Southwest Pacific for over two years. Additionally, Floyd was the secretary of the Oberlin volunteer firemen. City directories list Floyd at this residence through 1973, though this was 11 years after his death. The resident listed since 1979 has been Doren Harley. Doren 'Jack' Harley married Sarah Harley and they had two children, Doren and Eugene. Jack Harley passed away in 2004 and the Doren Harley listed at this address is their son, and the grandson of Floyd and Elsie Harley. His wife is Marilyn Fedelchak-Harley.

44. Description of Environment and Outbuildings (Con't)

45. Sources (Con't)

Barone's Possition Asst. Cashier, Not Teller,' Oberlin News, 7/28/1927, Pg. 1 Col. 3; 'New Boys: Twins, Doran Jack and Donald Edwin,' Oberlin News, 8/4/1920, Pg. 5 Col. 3; 'Earl Spaulding,' Obituary, Oberlin Tribune, 3/16/1923, Pg. 1; 'Mrs. Herschel Barone dies at the age of 74,' Oberlin News Tribune, 6/10/1976, Pg. 2; 'Marion E. Harley,' Obituary, Chronicle-Telegram, Elyria, 6/24/1986, Pg. B-2; 'Sarah Harley,' Obituary, Oberlin News Tribune, 9/25/1990, Pg. 2; 'Floyd Harley's Resignation Results in Changes at P.O.,' Oberlin News-Tribune, 2/21/1945, Pg. 1; 'Fire Loss for 1943 is \$2,935,' Oberlin News-Tribune, 1/13/1944, Pg. 1.